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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE MEDICAL SOCIETIES

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE
PRACTICE OF PHYSIC AND SURGERY
IN OHIO.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
GENERAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.
TOGETHER WITH THE UNIFORM RULES AND REG-
ULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT SOCIETIES, AND THE PRO-
CEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL
MEDICAL SOCIETIES AT
ITS SECOND BIEN-
NIAL MEETING,
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AN ACT, &c.

AN ACT, to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this state.

WHEREAS, well regulated Medical Societies have been found to contribute to the diffusion of true medical science, and a correct knowledge of the healing art:—
Therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Ohio,* That this state be, and the same is hereby divided into twenty Medical Districts, for the organization and establishment of Medical Societies, as follows: The counties of Hamilton and Clermont, shall constitute the first Medical District; Preble and Butler, the second; Warren and Green the third; Miami, Dark, Shelby, Mercer, Allen, Vanwert, Paulding, Putnam, Williams and Henry, the fourth; Brown and Adams, the fifth; Highland and Clinton, the sixth; Montgomery and Clark, the seventh; Champaign, Logan, Hardin, Hancock, Wood, Madison and Union, the eighth; Scioto, Jackson, Lawrence and Pike, the ninth; Ross, Pickaway and Fayette, the tenth; Franklin, Delaware, Marion and Crawford, the eleventh; Gallia, Meigs, Athens and Washington, the twelfth; Hocking, Fairfield and Perry, the thirteenth; Richland Lorain, Huron, Sandusky and Seneca, the fourteenth; Muskingum, Coshocton, Licking, Knox, Guernsey and Morgan, the fifteenth; Jefferson, Harrison, Belmont and Monroe, the sixteenth; Columbiana, Stark, Wayne and Tuscarawas, the seventeenth; Trumbull and Portage, the eighteenth; Medina and Cuyahoga, the nineteenth; and the counties of Ashtabula and Geauga, the twentieth Medical District.

Sec. 2. That Samuel Ramsay, Jesse Smith, L. A. Hendrick; Josiah Lyman, John L. Richmond, Ebenezer Pearson, Joseph Hagerman, John G. Rodgers, and William Wayland, and their associates shall form and constitute

the first Medical Society of Ohio; Daniel Miliken, James Hughes, Jesse Paramore, George Brown, and Vandeveer, and their associates shall constitute the second; Joseph Canby, John Ross, David Morris, Benjamin Dubois, Joseph Johnson, Joshua Martin, John Vauharlenger, John Collet, Jehu John, James W. Lanier, John S. Haller and George W. Stipp, and their associates shall constitute the third; Samuel Barrington, A. Coleman, John G. Tellford, John O. Ferrall, John Pratt and John Briggs, and their associates shall constitute the fourth; Thomas Dunham, Henry Foster, Adam Willey, Alexander Campbell, Norton, Bayley, William B. Wilson, and Joseph D. Keath, and their associates shall constitute the fifth; Jasper Hand, Jacob Kirby, Loami Rigdon, Turner Welch, Aavillah Bairdsly and Uriah Farquhar, and their associates shall constitute the sixth; Job Haines, John Steel, William Bloodget, William A. Needham, Richard Hunt, Elijah Lawrence, Ambrose Blount, and their associates shall constitute the seventh; James Crew, Nicholas Hathaway, Alexander Raiff, Joseph S. Carter, Obed Horr, Adam Musgrove and William Fithian, and their associates shall constitute the eighth; Giles S. B. Hempstead, Nathan W. Andrews, Samuel C. Lewis, Thomas Collins, Peter Scurck, and John H. Ruthbone, and their associates, shall constitute the ninth; Joseph Scott, John W. Vethake, Thomas Pinkerton, John Edminston, William N. Luckey, Erastus Weeb, Otis Baliard, and Thomas M'Garraugh, and their associates shall constitute the tenth; John M. Edminston, Daniel Upson, Kingsley Ray, Samuel Persons, Daniel Turney, Reuben Lamb, James H. Hills, Silas C. M'Clary, Charles H. Whetmore and Peleg Sisson, and their associates shall constitute the eleventh; Chary Perkins, John Cotten, S. P. Hildreth, Morris German, Columbus Bierce, Eli Seigler, Jacob Kettridge, Ebenezer Bowen, and George N. Gilbert, and their associates shall constitute the twelfth; Silas Allen, Robert M'Neil, James White, Ezra Clark, David Pardee, Daniel Gregg, Jesse M. Morris and Nathaniel Wait, and their associates shall constitute the thirteenth, Daniel Tilden, George Anderson, Allen G. Miller, James Strong, Seldon Graves, Daniel Brainard,

Joel Luther, and Daniel T. Swaney, and their associates, shall constitute the fourteenth; John Hamm, Robert Mitchell, Dudley W. Rhodes, Calvin Conant, Robert Safford, John J. Brice, William S. Richards, Elisha G. Leë, Samuel Lee, G. B. Maxfield, William Clark, Henry H. Evans and Alfred C. Thompson and their associates shall constitute the fifteenth; William Hamilton, Peleg S. Mason, David Staunton, William Leslie, William Wood, Levi Brooks, McCane, Smith, Horatio L. Wooster, Benjamin Mares, Anderson Judkins, Joel T. Martin, Dr. Cook, William R. Hemmon, George W. Duffield, Martin Wilson, Dr. Dixon, Dr. Smith and William Campbell, and their associates shall constitute the sixteenth; Andrew Gerow, Thomas Hartford, George Breysacher, Horace Potter, George McCook, Thomas Cummings, Thomas Townsend, William B. Blacky and Ezekiah Bissel, and their associates shall constitute the seventeenth; John B. Harmon, Henry Maning, John W. Seely, Tracy Brunson, William Heaton, Dr. Allen, Isaac C. Cowden, Isaac Swift, and Israel Town, and their associates shall constitute the eighteenth; David Long, N. H. Manter, George W. Card, Bela B. Clark, John M. Henderson, and Dan. McIntosh, and their associate shall constitute the nineteenth; and Ashbel Dart, Orestes K. Hawley, Nathan B. Johnson, J. W. Scott, John Emory, jun. Charles, Storm Ross and Andrew Merriman, and their associate shall constitute the twentieth Medical Society of Ohio; *Provided however,* That no person shall be competent, to be a member of any of said societies, who shall not possess the qualifications specified in the seventh section of this act.

Sec. 3. That the persons named as aforesaid and their associates, in their respective districts, shall hold their first meetings on the last Tuesday of May next, and at the places following, that is to say, for the first district at Cincinnati; for the second, at Oxford, in Butler county; for the third, at Lebanon, in Warren county; for the fourth, at Piqua, in Miami county; for the fifth, at West Union, in Adams county; for the sixth, at Hillsborough, in Highland county; for the seventh, at Dayton in Montgomery county; for the eighth, Belfontaine, in Logan country; for the ninth,

at Portsmouth in Scioto county; for the tenth, at Clinch-
 the, in Ross county; for the eleventh, at Worthington, in
 Franklin county; for the twelfth, at Athens, in Athens coun-
 ty; for the thirteenth, at Lancaster, in Fairfield county;
 for the fourteenth, at Norwalk, in Huron county; for the fif-
 teenth, at Zanesville, in Muskingum county; for the six-
 teenth, at Mount Pleasant, in Jefferson county; for the sev-
 enteenth, at Canton, in Stark county; for the eighteenth,
 at Warren, in Trumbull county; for the nineteenth, at
 Cleveland, in Cuyahoga county; and for the twentieth
 Medical District, at Unionville, in Madison township, in
 Geauga county; and the person first named, as aforesaid,
 in each of said districts, or in case of his absence or inabili-
 ty, the person next named, shall give at least three weeks
 previous notice, of such meeting by advertisement, pub-
 lished in some newspaper in general circulation in said dis-
 trict.

Sec. 4. That when the persons named as aforesaid and
 their associates, to the number of five or more, shall have
 convened in their proper districts, as provided in the pro-
 ceeding section, they shall proceed to organize themselves
 into a Medical Society, by the name of their numerical
 number, as described in the second section of this act, by
 electing a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treas-
 urer, and shall henceforth be a body politic and corporate,
 with perpetual succession, and as such shall have power to
 hold, by purchase or otherwise, any estate, real, personal
 or mixed; not exceeding the amount of five thousand dol-
 lars, to make such by-laws & regulations, as they may deem
 expedient, for the good order and government of said soci-
 ety, provided the same be not inconsistent with the consti-
 tution and laws of this state; to create such offices, and di-
 rect the manner of filling the same, as they shall consider
 necessary; to fix the compensation of offices created by this
 act, or the by laws of said society; to make assessments up-
 on the members of the society, not exceeding three dollars
 per annum; to employ or appropriate the funds and prop-
 erty of said society, whether the same arises from the as-
 sessments upon the members, contributions, fees of ad-
 mission or donations, for any scientific or literary purpose,

connected with the science of medicine, as to them shall seem best suited to promote the objects of their institution: to prescribe rules for the admission of members, not inconsistent with this act; and to provide for the expulsion of members, for mal practice, and the removal of officers for misconduct, and the filling of all vacancies; and by their numerical name aforesaid, they shall be entitled to sue, and be subject to be sued, in all courts of judicature; and shall devise and use a common seal, and may alter and renew the same at pleasure: *Provided however*, That if the persons named as aforesaid, in the second section of this act, shall not meet and organize themselves, in their respective districts, as provided in this section, on the said last Tuesday of May next; it shall be lawful for them to meet and organize on the day following, and their proceedings then had, shall be as valid as if they had been on the day preceding.

Sec. 5. That there shall be elected in each of said societies, not less than three nor more than five censors, whose duty it shall be, carefully and impartially to examine all students in physic and surgery, who may present themselves for that purpose; and to report in writing, their opinion of the qualifications of such student, to the President of their society; and the President, or in his absence or disqualification, the Vice President, shall thereupon give to each student, so examined, if said report shall so recommend, a license, under his hand and the seal of the society, countersigned by the secretary; which license shall authorize the person obtaining the same, to practice physic or surgery, or both as shall be set forth in said license, in any part of this state; and the person obtaining such license, shall pay to the Treasurer of the society, where he obtaining the same, a sum not exceeding ten dollars, for the benefit of said society; the amount of which sum, and the time of payment, shall be regulated by the by-laws of the society; and each person having obtained a license as aforesaid, shall thereafter be a member of any Medical Society in this state, where he shall reside: *Provided however*, That the censors shall not examine any student in physic or surgery, for the purpose of his being licensed for the prac-

tice of either, or both those professions, unless such student shall produce to them satisfactory evidence of his being of good moral reputation, and that he shall have regularly studied such profession with some reputable practitioner or practitioners for the term of three years, unless such student shall have recieved a collegiate education, in which case he shall not be required to have studied but two years.

Sec. 6. That each Medical Society shall hold a meeting on the last Tuesday of May annually, and at such other times, as the by-laws may direct; that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one other member, or any one or more of said officers, with other members sufficient to make the number of five, shall constitute a quorum, for holding elections, or transacting the ordinary business of said society; that the meeting of said society, subsequent to the day following the last Tuesday of May next, shall be held at such place, within the bounds of said district, as the by-laws shall direct; that all elections shall take place at the annual meetings, on the last Tuesday of May, and shall be by ballot; and a majority of votes given shall be necessary to a choice; and all officers so elected shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors shall be elected and induced into office.

Sec. 7. That every physician and surgeon, who may reside in this state, on the said Tuesday of May next, who shall have received a license or diploma, or honorary degree, from any regularly organized Medical Society or College in this state or elsewhere, or who can produce satisfactory evidence, of having attended one course of medical lectures, at some reputable institution, or who shall produce to any one of said Medical Societies, satisfactory evidence of his having been reputably engaged in this state, in the practice of physic or surgery, for three years previous to the said last Tuesday of May next, shall on application be admitted a member of any Medical Society of this state, in the distrct in which he shall reside.

Sec. 8. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each of the said Medical Societies, to provide a book in which he shall make an entry of organization, by-laws, resolutions,

rules and proceedings of said society, and shall enter therein the names of the members, the times of their admission, the names of the members expelled, and the times and causes of expulsion; also the annual reports of the Treasurer, of the state of the funds, and all such other matters as the society may direct; to which book, any member, at any time, shall have free access; and the Secretary shall in the first week in June, annually, make out, certify, and lodge with the clerk of the court of common pleas, of the county in which the meeting of his society, shall be held, a full and fair transcript of all the proceedings of said society, during the year preceeding, and shall pay to the said clerk, twenty five cents for filing the same in his office, which it is hereby made his duty to do.

Sec. 9 That the Treasurer of each society, shall keep a fair and accurate account of all the moneys by him received and paid out, and of all the funds and property of said society; and shall report a full and ample statement thereof, to the said society, at each annual meeting on the last Tuesday of May; and he shall, whenever required by the society, give bond and security for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, in manner and form as the by-laws shall direct; and the said Treasurer, and the Secretary of each society, shall deliver to their successors in office, without neglect or delay, all the books, papers and records, and other property belonging to said society, which may be in their hands at the time of their going out of office.

Sec. 10. That every person, who may hereafter be licensed to practice physic or surgery, in this state, shall deposite a copy of his license, with the clerk of the court of common pleas, in any county wherein he may reside; and until such copy shall be so deposited, he shall be liable to the penalties of this act, in the same manner he would be liable, if he had not obtained such license; and he shall pay to the clerk with whom he shall file such copy, twenty-five cents for filing and preserving the same, which it is hereby made the duty of such clerk to do.

Sec. 11. That no person other than the members of said Medical Society, shall after the first day of July next, be permitted to practice physic or surgery, in this state;

and if any person not being a member of said societies, shall practice physic or surgery, he shall not be entitled to the aid of the law, or courts of this state, in the collection of any debt, or demand whatever, arising or accruing from such practice; but the same shall be considered null and void, and shall vitiate and destroy any bond, bill, note or contract whatsoever, into which the same shall in any wise be carried, changed or transferred; and such person shall moreover, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, for every violation of this act, of which he may be duly convicted, to be recovered in action of debt, with costs of suit, in the name of the overseers of the poor, of the township where such penalty shall be incurred, before any justice of peace, in such township; to be prosecuted by said overseers, or any other person: and the justice before whom such conviction may be had, shall pay the money thus collected, into the hands of the Treasurer of said township, for the use of the poor thereof: *Provided* That if the person so practising, shall not demand or receive any fee or reward for the same, he shall be exempt from the penalties of this act: *Provided also*, that nothing herein contained, shall extend to prohibit any person during his actual residence in any other of the United States, and who by the laws of the state where he shall reside, is not prohibited from practicing physic or surgery therein, from practising in this state when specially sent for to come into any part of it, and administer and prescribe medicine, or perform any kind of surgical operation for the relief of such, to whose assistance he may be sent for.

Sec. 12. That the Medical Society aforesaid, shall not either directly or indirectly, make any order, resolution or arrangement, defining or fixing the amount of compensation to be charged or received for any services which may be rendered; or medicine furnished by any surgeon or physician within this state; nor make any other order, resolution or arrangement relating to any such charges or compensation.

Sec. 13. That each of the said Medical Societies are hereby authorized and required, at a regular meeting thereof, to be holden within seven months preceding the second

Monday of December, A. D. 1827, to elect one delegate or proxy, to represent said society in a general representative convention, to be holden as here in after provided.

Sec 14. That the delegates and proxies elected as provided in the preceding section, shall convene in the town of Columbus, on the second Monday in December, in the year 1827: And when they, or a majority of them shall be so convened, they shall organize themselves as a general representative Convention of the Medical Societies of the state of Ohio, by electing a President and Secretary, and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and when so organized, they shall inquire into and determine the expediency of establishing a general Medical Society of the state of Ohio, and may hold their sittings from time to time, as their duties and convenience may require; and if their determination shall be in the affirmative, they shall proceed to form a constitution and code of by laws, for the rule and government of such general Medical Society, providing therein for the amendment of such constitution and by laws, and prescribing the offices, and qualifications of officers and members who shall constitute such society, and the tenure of office and the mode of election, and manner of removal and filling vacancies, the duties of the officers and their compensation, the mode and manner of raising revenue, and all other provisions necessary to the complete organization and effective operation of such General Medical Society: *Provided*, The same shall be consistant with the constitution and laws of this state; a copy of which constitution and code of by laws, shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, within thirty days from the rising of said convention: But if their determination shall be in the negative, they shall exercise no further powers, except to recommend another convention, if they shall deem it advisable, to be holden at some subsequent period, at such time and place as they shall direct; and if they shall so recommend, such subsequent convention shall be elected and holden under the directions and restrictions, and be clothed with the powers contained in this and the preceding section.

Sec. 15. That this act shall not be construed or extended so as to subject any person to the penalties thereof, who shall have been practising as a physician or surgeon within this state, at the time of the taking effect of the act, regulating the practice of physic and surgery within this state, passed January 15, one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Sec. 16. That the General Medical Society of the state of Ohio, when formed and organized in pursuance of the constitution and code of by-laws, so to be formed by the representative convention as aforesaid, shall be a body politic & corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name and style aforesaid; and as such shall be entitled to receive, purchase and hold real or personal estate, to any amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars; and shall have power to devise and use a seal, and the same to change at pleasure, to sue and be sued in all courts of judicature, and shall possess a visitatorial power over all the district Medical Societies in the state; and shall have power to increase the number of said district societies, and to change or alter their boundaries as convenience or necessity may require; and shall prescribe uniform rules and regulations for said district societies, and enforce them by reasonable fines and penalties: *Provided, however,* That the said societies shall in all things be subject to the laws and regulations of the General Assembly; and the corporate powers hereby granted, may at any time be revised or revoked by the Legislature.

Sec. 17. That the act regulating the practice of physic and surgery within this state, passed January fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, be and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That any right which the medical convention of Ohio, or any person shall have acquired under said act, to any fee or money yet due or unpaid, shall remain and continue valid; and may be prosecuted the same as though said act were not repealed.

This act to take effect from its passage.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
ALLEN TRIMBLE,

February 26th, 1824.

Speaker of the Senate.

AN ACT to amend the act, entitled "An act, to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this state."

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, That the ninth Medical District, as described in the act, to which this is an amendment, be and the same is hereby attached to the tenth Medical District, and the two districts thus attached, shall henceforth be known as the tenth medical district.

Sec. 2 That the county of Holmes, be, and the same is hereby attached to the seventeenth medical district.

Sec. 3. That it shall be lawful for the censors of each medical district, or any one of said censors, to grant a permit to any applicant or applicants, in the interval of their regular meetings; and the permit so granted, shall entitle the person to practise Physic and Surgery, until the next regular meeting of the censors in the district in which they may be located.

Sec. 4. That in case the Medical Society in the fifth medical district, shall not organize itself on or before the first day of August next, agreeably to the act to which this is an amendment, then and in that case the said 5th Medical District, composed of the counties of Brown and Adams, shall be attached to the first medical district, and shall from that time together with the counties of Hamilton and Clermont, be known and distinguished as the first medical district.

Sec. 5. That the counties of Licking and Knox, be, and are hereby erected into a separate Medical District to be known and distinguished as the twenty first medical district in the state of Ohio; and that G. B. Maxfield, E. G. Lee, John J. Brice, Noah Harris, Timothy Burr and W. S. Richards, and their associates, be, and they are hereby constituted a medical society within said district, to be denominated the twenty-first medical society of Ohio, to be governed in all respects as Medical Societies are by the provisions of the act, to which this is an amendment, to hold their first meeting on the last Tuesday of May next, at the town of Mount Vernon, in Knox county; and the first person named as aforesaid and in case of his absence

or inability, the person next named, shall give at least three weeks previous notice of such meeting, by advertisement published in some newspaper in general circulation in said district.

Sec. 6. That so much of the act to which this is an amendment, as relates to the ninth medical district, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

M. T. WILLIAMS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 ALLEN TRIMBLE,
Speaker of the Senate.

February 28, 1825.

An act further to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate Medical Societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in this state.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Ohio,* That the county of Trumbull shall hereafter be erected into a medical district, to be known and distinguished as the ninth medical district, in the state of Ohio; and that John W. Seely, Jonathan J. Tod, Peter Allen, John B. Harmon, Silvanus Seely, Samuel Wick, Zina Hitchcock, Francis T. Allen, and Warren Seely, and their associates, be, and they are hereby, constituted a medical society, within said district, to be denominated the ninth medical society of Ohio, to be governed in all respects as medical societies are, by the provisions of the act to which this is an amendment; to hold their first meeting on the last Tuesday of May next, at Warren, in the county of Trumbull aforesaid; and the first person named in this act, or in case of his absence or inability, the person next named, shall give at least three weeks previous notice of such meeting, by advertisement published in some newspaper in general circulation in said district.

Sec. 2. That the county of Portage, alone, shall hereafter form the eighteenth medical district of Ohio, and the persons residing therein, who at present are members of the medical Society, shall constitute the eighteenth medi-

cal society of Ohio, with power so to alter or amend the by-laws of said society, now in force, as will be in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3 That it shall be lawful for the seventh medical society to hold their meetings at Fairfield, in Green county.

WM. W. IRVIN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ALLEN TRIMBLE,

February 3, 1826.

Speaker of the Senate.

An act supplementary to an act, to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate Medical Societies for the purpose of regulating the practice of Physic and surgery in this state."

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Ohio,* That the counties of Belmont and Monroe are hereby detached from the sixteenth medical district; and the county of Guernsey is detached from the fifteenth medical district; and that the said counties of Belmont, Guernsey and Monroe be, and are hereby erected into a separate medical district, to be known and distinguished as the twenty-second medical district of the state of Ohio; and that Carolus Judkins, Thomas Carroll, John G. Affleck, John M'Cracken, John Cook Bennett, James Wishart, Edward D. Rowe, Aaron Hartley, Ephriam Gaston, Jeremiah Backley, Alfred C. Thompson, Thomas Miller, Henry H. Mott, William Bark, Robert Carlsle, David A. Bines, Joshua Craig, and their associates be, and they are hereby constituted a medical society within said district, to be denominated the twenty-second medical society of Ohio, to be governed in all respects as medical societies are, by the provisions of the act to which this is an amendment; to hold their first meeting on the last Tuesday of May next, at the town of Barnesville, in the county of Belmont; and the first person named shall give at least three weeks previous notice of such meeting, by advertisement published in some newspaper in general circulation in said district.

EDWARD KING,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A. SHEPHERD,

January 16, 1827.

Speaker of the Senate.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GENERAL MEDICAL SOCIETY
OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

AT a General Representative Convention, held in the town of Columbus, in the month of December, A. D. 1827, agreeably to an act of the General Assembly of Ohio, entitled "An act to incorporate Medical Societies, for the purpose of regulating the practice of physic and surgery in this state," it was deemed expedient to establish a General Medical Society of the state of Ohio, in order, to produce uniformity and efficacy in the proceedings of the District Medical Societies, and for the promotion of medical science: The following Constitution was adopted for the government thereof

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The General Medical Society shall be composed of Representative and honorary members.

Sec. 2. The Representative members shall consist of one Representative from each of the District Medical Societies, who shall be chosen on the last Tuesday of May; and on their being convened in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided by lot, as equally as may be, into two classes; the seats of the delegates of the first class, shall be vacated at the expiration of two years; and those of the second class, at the expiration of four years: so that one half thereof, as nearly as possible, may be chosen biennially forever thereafter. And all vacancies which may occur in the Representative members, shall be supplied by the District Medical Societies.

Sec. 3. The honorary members shall be chosen by the General Medical Society, from time to time, as they shall think proper; and shall be entitled to all the privileges of Representative members, that of voting and receiving compensation for their services, excepted.

ARTICLE II.

The Society shall meet biennially, in the town of Columbus, on the first Monday in January; and a majority of Representative members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The first meeting shall be on the first Monday in January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. At the opening of each stated meeting, the Society shall proceed to elect from among the Representative members, a President Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer; who shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors are chosen. All elections shall be by ballot; and each representative member shall be entitled to one vote.

Sec. 2. The business of the meeting shall be concluded by a discourse or dissertation on some medical subject, to be delivered by a person appointed at the stated meeting preceding.

ARTICLE IV.

The President shall have power to call special meetings of the Society, whenever its officers, or a majority of them, shall deem it necessary; in which case, public notice shall be given in some newspaper, as specified for the stated meetings; and also special notice shall be served, through the medium of the post office, on all Representative members of the Society, at least six weeks before the time of meeting. He shall have power to fill all vacancies in office, that may occur during the recess of the Society; he shall appoint committees, regulate debates, put questions, enforce an observance of the laws and regulations, have a casting vote on all questions before the Society, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him.

ARTICLE V.

The Vice President, in case of the death, resignation, disability, or absence of the President, shall hold and exercise all the powers set forth in the preceding article, until a new choice of President.

ARTICLE VI.

The Recording Secretary shall have charge of the laws, records, and seal of the Society; shall notify the chairman of committees, furnish necessary papers, and the names of the committees. He shall give six weeks' previous notice of the stated meetings of the Society, in some public paper printed in Columbus, and perform any other services required of him by the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

The Corresponding Secretary shall have the charge of the letters and communications transmitted to this Society; shall cause

all papers written in a foreign language to be translated into English; shall, under the direction of the President, answer all communications made to the Society; shall notify the District Societies of all resolutions governing them, passed by the Society; notify all honorary members of their election; and shall perform all such duties as may be assigned to him by the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond with sufficient security, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties, in such sum as the Society shall direct; which bond shall be approved by the Society, and deposited with the Recording Secretary. He shall account to the Society for all moneys, and on the first day of each stated meeting, shall exhibit an accurate statement of his accounts to the Society. He shall pay out no moneys without the order of the presiding officer, and consent of the Society.

ARTICLE IX.

Any officer of the Society may resign his office, or be removed therefrom, for neglect or mal-conduct in office.

ARTICLE X.

The Society shall, from time to time, determine the amount of revenue to be raised, which shall be derived from uniform taxation upon all licenses granted by the District Societies; and, if necessary, upon the individual members thereof. It shall also determine the amount of compensation of its own members, which shall be paid out of the treasury of the Society.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be revised, altered, or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the Representative members present, at any stated meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall take the chair, at the hour of to which the Society adjourned, and call the members to order; on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceeding day shall be read by the Secretary.

2. The President shall not speak to any question, without first obtaining permission.

3. If a member has spoken once in any debate, he shall not speak to the prevction of another, who manifests a desire to speak.

4. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave from the Society.

5. A member shall not interrupt another while speaking, unless to call him to order, or correct a mistake.

6. The president shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society, by any two members: on which appeal, no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Society.

7. No member shall speak on any subject after the question is put.

8. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

9. A vote shall not be reconsidered by a smaller number than were present at its passing; and the motion to reconsider shall come from a member who voted in the majority.

10. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President; or being in writing, shall be handed to the chair and read.

11. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if required, by any member.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

13. Each Representative member of the Ohio State Medical Society, shall receive for his services three dollars for every day's attendance on the meetings of the Society, and three dollars for twenty five miles' travel, to and from the place of meeting.

14. At each stated meeting of the Society, a committee of three members shall be appointed, to audit all accounts against the Society; and all accounts so audited, shall be paid in the manner provided by the eighth article of the Constitution.

15. No application for a new Medical District, shall be acted on in this Society, unless six months' previous notice has been given, by at least one insertion in one or more newspapers, published in each district, out of which such new Medical District is proposed to be formed. No new Medical District shall be formed which shall contain less than twenty-five members; or reduce an existing Medical District to a less number than twenty-five. And every application for a new Medical District, shall be by petition to the State Medical Society.

16. There shall be a committee of Revision and Publication appointed by the Society, whose duty it shall be, to examine all papers, essays, and communications, which may from time to time be received by the Corresponding Secretary, and report with papers or documents they may deem worthy of publication; and who shall superintend all publications which may be directed by the Society.

17. Honorary members shall be elected by a vote of three fourths of the members present, at any stated meeting.

Uniform Rules and Regulations, for the government of the District Medical Societies.

Sec. 1. Each District Medical Society, shall have at least two stated meetings in every year.

Sec. 2. There shall be five Censors chosen in each District, annually; a majority of whom shall form a quorum.

Sec. 3. Each and every Society, granting a license to practise physic and surgery, to any student who has not resided six months immediately preceeding his application for license within that District, shall pay the fee of ten-dollars charged for such licence, into the Treasury of the General Medical Society.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty, of the Secretary of each District Society, to report the names of all persons licensed to practise medicine in his District in each year, and the time the person licensed has resided previous to his application, for license, in such district, to the Secretary of the General Medical Society on, or before, the first Monday July annually.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of every District Board of Censors, previous to the examination of every student who has not resided six months previous to that time in that Medical District, to require a certificate from his preceptor of having read the legal time under his direction, and a certificate from the Clerk of the Court of the common plea, in some county of this district where such preceptor resides, that he is a respectable and legal practitioner.

6. Physicians having obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine, shall be admitted to membership without examination.

Sec. 7. Ten dollars shall be charged for each and every license granted.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each District Medical Society, to transmit a copy of the By-laws, and also a list of the officers and members, to the Recording Secretary of the General Medical Society, at each stated meeting of said Society.

Sec. 9. The President, or Vice President, of each of the Dis-

District Societies, shall read a dissertation on some medical subject; at each stated meeting of said Societies.

Sec. 10. Each applicants for license, shall prepare and deliver to the Board of Censors, a medical dissertation, previous to his examination.

Sec. 11. Any District Society, neglecting or refusing to appoint a Representative to the General Medical Society, shall be liable to a fine equal to the pay of a Representative from such Society, in attending the meeting of the General Medical Society.

Sec. 12. All money raised by the District Medical Societies, for the use of the General Medical Society, shall be paid into the treasury of said Society, in such manner as the General Society shall direct.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the District Medical Societies, to request or enjoin their members, as they may deem proper, to keep a record of all important cases that may occur in their practice, and all facts connected with the profession of medicine, or science in general, the promulgation of which may be useful to mankind; which records, or papers, or such of them as the District Societies may direct, shall be transmitted to the Recording Secretary of the General Medical Society.

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of the members severally, of the District Medical Societies, at their stated meetings in the month of May, annually, or within twenty days thereafter, to pay to the Treasurers of the said Societies, for the use of the General Medical Society, the sum of one dollar: which money, so collected, including five dollars for every license granted previous to that time, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the General Medical Society, on or before the first of July ensuing, and duplicate receipts taken thereof; one of which shall be deposited with the Recording Secretary of said Society.

Sec. 15. Any District Medical Society, not observing or complying with the preceeding Rules and Regulations, shall be subject to fine; or such Society may be dissolved, and attached to adjoining Societies, at the option of the General Medical Society.

The following is the resolution creating the twenty-third District Medical Society, as adopted:

Resolved, That the counties of Wayne, Holmes and Richland, be, and they are hereby formed into a seperate Medical District, to be known by the name of the Twenty-third Medical District and that John Cunningham, James J. Irvine, A. G. Miller, and such other members of the fourteenth and seventeenth District Societies as reside within the above named counties, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to meet at Jeromeville, in Wayne county, on the last Tuesday of May next, and elect their officers, and exercise all the powers of a corporate body, agreeably to the act incorporating Medical Societies.

A true copy.

Attest,

JOHN E. BUSH,

Recording Secretary

January 22, 1826.

*Proceedings of the General Medical Society of the State of Ohio
begun and held in the town of Columbus.*

January 3d, 1831.

At 11 o'clock A. M. the President, Dr. John Cotton called the society to order.

The following gentlemen members in 1829, took their seats, viz:

Doctor JACOB KIRBY, of——the 6th, district.

JOHN COTTON, of Marietta 12th.

NATHAN H. MANTER, of Illyria 14th.

BENJ. DICKSON, of Steubenville 16th.

PHILO WRIGHT, of——18th.

ROBERT THOMPSON, of New Washington 22nd.

The undernamed gentlemen produced certificates of having been elected, in their respective districts for the term of four years, and took their seats as members; viz:

Doctors EDWIN SMITH, of Dayton 7th district.

FRANCEY BRONSON, of——9th.

ROBERT McNEALL, of New Lancaster 13th

THOMAS FLANNER, of Zanesville 15th.

THOMAS S. BONFIELD, Canton 17th.

DAVID LONG, Cleaveland 19th.

ELIJAH COOPER, Newark 21st.

HEZEKIAH BISSELL, Wooster 23d.

The President read a letter from Dr. Asa Coleman, of the 4th district, detailing many facts shewing that much irregularity prevailed in the conduct of the members of said district, which was laid on the table for after consideration.

The society was then, on motion, adjourned till half past one o'clock P. M.

The society met, 2 o'clock P. M.

Dr. J. H. Brower presented a certificate of membership, and took his seat, from 1st Medical District.

On motion, the society went into the election of officers for the ensuing two years.

Dr. JOHN COTTON, President.

DAVID LONG, Vice President.

BENJAMIN DICKSON, Recording Sect'ry.

THOMAS FLANNER, Corresponding Sect'ry.

SAMUEL PARSONS, Treasurer.

Copies of the by-laws of many of the District Societies, and lists of the members, were then presented by the delegates from said societies, members of the state society. On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, January 4th.

The society met according to adjournment. After some prelim-

mary business, the President nominated the following standing committees, viz:

Drs. FLANNER,
M'NEALL, and } *On the Medical law.*
BROWER,

Drs. COOPER,
MANTER, and } *On accounts.*
THOMPSON,

Drs. DICKSON,
MANTER, and } *On the constitution.*
THOMPSON,

Drs. LONG,
KIRBY, and } *On the By-Laws.*
COOPER,

Drs. PARSONS,
BISSEL, and } *On the rules and regulations of Dis-*
BRONSON, } *trict Societies.*

Drs. SMITH,
BONFIELD, and } *On new medical districts.*
WRIGHT,

Drs. M'NEALL, .
BISSEL, and } *On unfinished business.*
KIRBY,

Drs. DICKSON,
PARSONS, and } *On revision and publication.*
BROWER,

The President read a letter from Doctor Tilford, of the 14th medical district, which being to the same purport with that received from Dr. Coleman, both were referred to the committee on district societies.

On motion. Resolved, That the lists of members, forwarded from the District Medical Societies, be referred to the committee of accounts, and the By-Laws of said societies to the committee on district societies.

On motion, of Dr. Dickson. Resolved, that a copy of a complaint from the 16th medical district, contained in a circular from said district, addressed to the district societies throughout the State, be referred to the committee on district societies.

On motion of Dr. Manter; Resolved. That whenever the funds of the General Medical Society will permit, it shall be the duty of the President to have a plate engraved and impressions taken

wherefrom, which impressions shall be used in granting licenses by the district societies. Laid on the table.

The Cor. Sec. read a letter from Daniel Drake M. D. Hon. Mem. of the Ohio Gen. Med. Soc. which was ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Dr. Brower, Resolved. That a select committee of two, together with the President, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report, to this meeting, at as early a period as practicable, a memorial to be presented to the General Assembly of the State of Ohio now in session: setting forth the views of the society, as the representatives of the medical profession throughout the state, touching the petitions now before that Hon. body, for the repeal of the 11th. section of the law regulating the practice of physick and surgery in the State of Ohio.

Drs. Brower and Kirby were appointed said committee.

On motion of Dr. McNeill, Resolved. That the committee on the medical law be instructed to report, to this meeting, a memorial to be presented to the Hon. the Legislature of Ohio, to repeal the 5th section of the act regulating the practice of physick and surgery, and praying for the passage of an act in lieu thereof organizing one board of Censors for the whole state.

Dr. Brower moved to strike out all after the word, resolved, and, insert the following:—

That it is inexpedient to change the present mode of Censorship.

After much debate the amendment was adopted. Drs. Brower, Kirby, Bronson, Parsons, Manter, Bonfield, Wright, Long, Thompson and Bissell voting for the amendment.

And Doctors Smith, M'Neill, Flanner, Dickson, Cooper and Cotton in the negative.

Dr. Thompson offered the following resolution, That the General Medical Society organize a state vaccine institution, and appoint a superintending officer, whose duty it shall be to furnish vaccine virus semiannually to each district society. Laid on the table.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M. The society convened.

The resolution directing the President, of the General Medical Society, to have a plate engraved for the use of the District Medical Societies, was called up and agreed to.

Dr. Brower brought forward the following Resolution, That Sect. 3rd. of the uniform rules and regulations, for the Government of the district societies is at variance with the 5th section of the statute, regulating the practice of physick and surgery, and, that the said 3rd section be expunged as unnecessary and oppressive.

Laid on the table after much debate.

On motion. Resolved, that the President be authorised to consult a competent lawyer on the legality of the 3rd section of the uniform rules and regulations for the government of the district societies.

Dr. Long from the committee on the By-Laws made a report which was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion, of Dr. Brower, Resolved. That the 8th section of the uniform rules and regulations for the government of district societies, is not authorised by statute and should be repealed.

After long debate laid on the table. Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

January 5th 9 o'clock A. M.

The society met agreeably to adjournment.

Dr. Manter, from the committee on the constitution, reported, that in the opinion of the said committee no alteration is at present necessary. Which report was agreed to.

The select committee, of Drs. Brower, Kirby and Cotton, the President, to whom had been referred to report a memorial to the present Legislature, expressing the views of the Society with regard to the repeal of the 11th section of the statute regulating the practice of physick and surgery, Reported a memorial to the legislature, which was unanimously adopted; signed by the President and Recording Secretary; and Drs. Flanner and Brower, on motion, appointed a committee to present it to each house through a member of the same.

COPY.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Ohio, This, the memorial of the Ohio General Medical Society at their biennial meeting convened, Humbly sheweth.

That it has come to the knowledge of your memorialists, that numerous petitions have been presented to your honorable body, praying the repeal of the 11th section of the act regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery in the state of Ohio, by the salutary operation of which the community is, in some degree, protected from the injuries necessarily arising from the pretensions of irregular and incompetent persons: and as it is a principle universally conceded, that a certain amount of preparatory study is indispensibly necessary to a suitable qualification for the highly responsible duties of the physician, and one which has been acted upon, and solemnly recognised, by the General Assembly in the present statute, under consideration: your memorialists are of opinion that the repeal of the said 11th section, according to the prayer of the petitioners, would be tantamount to a repeal of the whole system of medical police, whose beneficial operations is to extend a protective influence to the community, and would be virtually opening a wide door to every species of fallacious and irregular practice. Your memorialists would further represent, that under the provisions and restraints of the present statute, but very few young men attempt to enter the profession: but by acquiring a legal title to its privileges and immunities; but, should the section in question be repealed, the necessary result would be that many individuals subject to no responsibility, or test, by which their pretensions to medical science could be ascertained, would fill the walks of the profession. And while your memorialists disclaim on the part of the medical profession, any desire to seek

legal protection, and express their firm belief that it needs none, they at the same time would be wanting in their duty to the public, and as the representatives of the profession throughout the state, did they not enter their solemn protest, against the principle which the granting the prayer of the petitioners would sanction. Your memorialists would beg leave further-more to represent, That the penal portion, of the said 11th section, which imposes a direct penalty for the violation of the provisions of the statute, and which has formed the principal ground for complaint, and which is liable to abuse by giving scope for personal pique, or hostility, might be repealed without endangering the welfare of the community, and entailing upon them those evils which, of necessity will result from the repeal of the whole section.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Treasurers report was received, read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on accounts.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Society convened at 2 o'clock P. M.

William B. Wilson, of West Union of the 5th medical district, presented his certificate of membership and took his seat.

Dr. M'Neall, from the committee on unfinished business, made a report which was accepted.

Doctor Brower, brought forward the following resolution, which was considered, in committee of the whole, reported back without amendment, and, on motion of Dr. Bissel, indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That it is expedient to alter the mode of compensation to the members of the General Medical Society, so that each District Society shall pay the expenses of its own delegate.

Dr. Parsons, moved, That the 3rd section of the uniform rules and regulations be stricken out and the following substituted, viz:

Each and every society granting license to practise yhysic and surgery, or either of them, shall pay a fee of ten dollars, for each license so granted, into the treasury of the Ohio General Medical Society.

On motion of Dr. Dickson, the section was amended by adding after, "either of them," to any student who shall not have resided six months, previous to such examination in said medical district. The section as amended was adopted.

Dr. Brower withdrew the resolutions, laid on the table yesterday, for the repeal of the 3rd and 8th sects. of the uniform rules and regulations.

On motion of Dr. Parsons, Resolved, That the committee, on the uniform rules and regulations for the government of District Societies, be instructed to report the following as a new section, Adopted.

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of every District Society, in the State of Ohio, to report the name of every person licensed in his district in each year, on or before, the first Monday

in July annually, to the Recording Secretary of the Ohio General Medical Society.

The society then adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.
Thursday January 6th.

The society convened, 9 o'clock A. M.

The President presented a seal procured by Dr. Bush, who had been appointed a committee for that purpose in 1829, bearing the device of a Brazen Serpent surrounded by the motto. "*Perpende; Cum Morte Obluctandum est.*" Which was adopted as the seal of the General Medical Society of the State of Ohio.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Hubbell, the teacher of the Deaf and Dumb, and ask leave to visit his establishment at any hour he may appoint.

Dr. Parsons from the standing committee on District Societies made the following report.

That Satisfactory evidence has been adduced on the subject of the practise complained of, in a memorial referred to this committee, from the 16th Medical District, proving, that the 1st Medical District has in two instances granted licenses contrary to the Uniform Rules and Regulations for the government of the District Societies and contrary to the statute in one case.

Your committee under the instruction of the society report the following amendments to the above named rules and regulations, in lieu of the 3rd section.

Each and every Society, granting a license to practise physic and surgery, to any student who has not resided six months immediately preceeding his application for license within that District, shall pay the fee of ten-dollars charged for such licence, into the Treasury of the General Medical Society.

It shall be the duty, of the Secretary of each District Society, to report the names of all persons licensed to practice medicine in his District in each year, and the time the person licensed has resided previous to his application, for license, in such district, to the Secretary of the General Medical Society on, or before, the first Monday of July annually.

The committee have examined two letters referred to them from two members of the 4th District and as there is a probability that a reconciliation may take place with the members of that District Society, the committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolution. That the Corresponding Secretary of the General Medical Society, express to the 4th Society the hope entertained that a reconciliation may take place among the members of that society, and a compliance with the requisitions of the General Medical Society; before its next meeting, but, that if such reconciliatory compliance cannot be effected before that time, it will be the duty of the General Medical Society to dissolve the 4th district society and attach it to the adjoining district societies.

Dr. Brower moved to strike out the intended substitute for the 3rd section and insert the following.

Resolved, That the 3rd section of the uniform rules and regulations is contrary to the letter and spirit of the statute, regulating the practice of physic and surgery, and is in itself arbitrary and oppressive. After much discussion Dr. Brower called for the yeas and nays.

Dr. Brower voted in the affirmative. Drs. Wilson, Smith, Bronson, Parsons; M'Neall, Manter, Dickson, Bonfield, Wright, Cooper, Thompson, Bissell and Cotton in the negative, Drs. Kirby and Long, having been absent asked and obtained leave to record their votes in the negative.

Dr. Dickson moved that the following be added as an additional section to said rules and regulations, which was agreed to.

It shall be the duty of every District Board of Censors, previous to the examination of every student who has not resided six months previous to that time in that Medical District, to require a certificate from his preceptor or having read the legal time under his direction, and a certificate from the Clerk of the Court of the common plea, in some county of the district where such preceptor resides, that he is a respectable and legal practitioner.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Dr. Dickson brought forward the following resolution which was decided in the negative.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the first District Society be required to pay to the Treasurer of the 16th Medical District the fees received for the examination and license of two students, belonging to the 16th district, who had not resided six months in the first district.

The society adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Society convened 2 o'clock P. M.

Dr. Dickson reported that he had waited on Mr. Hubbell, the teacher of the Deaf and Dumb, who would be pleased to receive the society at half past three o'clock P. M.

On motion of Dr. Wright, Resolved, that the Representative of each Medical Society, that has not complied fully with the regulations of the General Medical Society, with regard to revenue, be called upon to explain the reason of such neglect.

The committee of accounts reported in substance as follows, That the money received by the Treasurer had been properly paid on the order of the President.

That the requisitions of the General Medical Society, with regard to tax, had been complained with, only, by the 5th 9th 12th 16th 18th 21st and 22nd District Societies. Which with contributions in 1829 amount to the sum total of \$384, 42 of which \$315, 90 has been paid to the order of the President leaving a ballance of \$68, 52 now in the Treasury.

That the committee have had no means of ascertaining the number of physicians in the state but believe from the best data it will exceed 600, neither have the committee been able to ascertain how many licenses have been granted, nor whether any money has been paid on account of licenses, but were the requisitions of the

society complied with, these two sources of revenue would be amply sufficient to pay all contingent expenses and leave a considerable fund at the disposal of the society.

The committee recommend a strict adherence to the present system of revenue, and the better to enforce its regulations, that a circular be addressed to each district, requiring a due observance of the rules and regulations laid down for their government, and if possible, to induce the district medical societies, to place the General Medical Society, on a solvent and permanent foundation, after which time the tax can be reduced or abolished.

And in conclusion the committee recommended: That the General Medical Society use the authority (which the legislature in its wisdom has seen fit to bestow on it) to enforce its regulations and requisitions.

Dr. Brower moved, That the committee have the report re-committed to them, with instructions to report a resolution, rescinding that portion of section twelve, which requires the Treasurer of each District Society, to pay the Treasurer of the General Society, five dollars for each license.

After debate, decided in the negative. The report of the Treasurer was ordered to be placed on file. The report of the committee on revenue of which the above is an abstract was agreed to.

Dr. Smith from the committee on new medical districts reported that no business had been referred to said committee.

The following resolution was agreed to, Resolved, That no member who represents any district society, which has not paid all arrearages, shall draw from the Treasury of the General Medical Society any compensation for travel or attendance till all arrearages are paid.

Half past three o'clock P. M.

The society took a recess to visit the Deaf and Dumb School. Though the Recording Secretary is not authorised, by vote of the members of the society, to express in their name any opinion, he believes he acts in accordance with their wishes, when, in their name, he recommends the institution to the attention of the public, and the fostering care and patronage of the Legislature. The easy and powerful manner in which, Mr. Hubbell the teacher, conveyed to the senses of his pupils, ideas which the society had been accustomed to hear communicated by sound only, struck the members with no less astonishment, than the facility and accuracy with which his pupils reduced to writing the different subjects in which they were instructed. He believes every member of the medical society left the institution fully impressed with its utility and resolved to contribute to its usefulness.

The society convened, half past four o'clock.

On motion, of Dr. Dickson, Resolved, That we recommend, to the District Medical Societies, the adoption of the following code of Ethics of the Central Society of the State of Georgia.

MEDICAL ETHICS.

RULE 1. It is the duty of every medical practitioner to treat his patients with steadiness, tenderness and humanity, and to make due allowances for that mental weakness which usually accompanies bodily disease. Secrecy and delicacy should be strictly observed in all cases in which they may seem to be peculiarly required.

2. The strictest observance of temperance cannot be too strongly inculcated on the minds of the practitioners of medicine and surgery, a clear and vigorous intellect and a steady hand, being absolutely necessary to the successful practice of those branches of medical science.

3. Unfavorable prognostications should never be made in the presence of patients; yet, should there seem to be immediate danger, it becomes the duty of the medical attendant to apprise the patient's friends of that circumstance.

4. In every instance in which one physician has been called on to visit the patient of another, a consultation with the former medical attendant should be proposed. Consultation in difficult cases should always be recommended, and the physician called on for that purpose, should always pay the greatest degree of respect to the practitioner first employed, and allow him the privilege of delivering all the directions agreed upon.

5. Special consultations are sometimes wished for; in such cases the physician called on should carefully guard against paying another visit, unless he should be requested to continue his services by the patient, or some of his friends.

6. When one physician is called on to visit the patient of another in his absence, or during short indispositions, he should not manifest a wish to continue in attendance any longer than the physician first called on should be able to resume the charge of the case, unless a continuance of his services should be expressly wished for by the patient or his friends.

7. Physicians should not visit their patients too frequently, lest seeing them oftner than necessary might produce unsteadiness in the treatment.

8. Theoretical discussions should not be too freely indulged in consultations, as they frequently, give rise to much perplexity, without any improvement in practice.

9. The junior physician in attendance should always deliver his opinion first, the others according to seniority, and a majority

should decide; but in the event of a tie, the physician first in attendance should give the casting vote in regard to the future treatment, and to him should be intrusted the future management of the case, unless the patient or his relations should object to his being continued.

10. Although the possession of a diploma honorably acquired, furnishes presumptive evidence of professional ability, and entitles its possessor to pre-eminence in the profession, yet, the want of it should not exclude practitioners of experience and sound judgment from the fellowship & respect of the regular graduate.

11. In consultations, punctuality in meeting at the same time should be strictly observed, but the physician who first arrives, should wait for a reasonable length of time for the arrival of others. A minute examination of the patient; however should not take place until one or more of the medical attendants are present, except in cases of emergency. All subsequent visits should, if practicable, be made by mutual agreement, and no medical discussion should take place in the presence of the patient.

12. Attendance on members of the profession or their families should always be gratuitous, but should not be officiously obtruded. Should the circumstances of the medical practitioner predisposed, enable him to make a recompense for medical services rendered to himself, his wife or family, it is his duty to do so, especially if he reside at a distance.

13. When one medical practitioner is called on to visit a patient whose recovery has been despaired of by the physician first in attendance, and the disease should afterwards terminate fatally under his management, he should avoid insinuating to the friends of the deceased, that if he had been called on a day, or a few hours sooner, he could have effected a cure. Such a course of conduct is highly reprehensible, and empirical in the extreme. And, in the event of the patient's recovery, such a person should not assume all the credit, as the cure might have been partly effected by the medicines prescribed before he took charge of the case.

14. The use of nostrums and quack medicines should be discouraged by the faculty, as degrading to the profession, injurious to health, and often destructive of life. Should patients laboring under chronic complaints obstinately determine to have recourse to them, a reasonable degree of indulgence should be allowed to their credulity by the physician; but it is his sacred duty to warn them of the fallacy of their expectations, and the danger of the experiment, and the necessity of strict attention to the effect produced by them, in order that their bad effects, if any, should be timely obviated.

15. No physician should either by precept or example contribute to the circulation of a secret nostrum, whether it be his own invention or exclusive property, or that of another. For, if it be of real value, its concealment is inconsistent with beneficence and professional liberty, and if mystery alone give it value and

importance, such craft implies either disgraceful ignorance or fraudulent avarice.

16. In all cases where diversity of opinion and opposition of interest give rise to controversy or contention between two or more members of the profession, the decision should be referred to a sufficient number of physicians, as they are frequently the only persons in the community capable of properly estimating the merits of the dispute. But neither the subject litigated, nor the decision thereon, should be communicated to the public, as individual reputation might suffer, and the credit of the profession generally be injured.

17. A wealthy physician, or one retired from practice, should refuse to give gratuitous advice, unless the danger of the case (the absence of the practising physician) or the poverty of the patient should warrant him in so doing. In all cases where he may be preferred, he should recommend a consultation with some one engaged in active practice. This rule should be strictly observed, as a contrary course is gratuitously depriving active industry of its proper reward.

18. When a physician is called on suddenly to visit the patient of another, in consequence of some unexpected or alarming change in the symptoms, he should adopt a temporary plan of treatment suited to present circumstances. He is not warranted in interfering afterwards, unless requested to take charge of the case, when he should propose an immediate consultation with the physician previously employed.

19. Physicians should never neglect an opportunity of fortifying and promoting the good resolutions of patients suffering under the bad effects of intemperate lives and vicious conduct; and, in order that their counsels and remonstrances may have due weight, it will readily be seen, that they should have full claim to the blameless life and high moral character which we have stated to be a necessary pre-requisite to an honorable stand in the profession.

20. Medical men should "remember the sabbath day to keep it holy;" and visits should, as far as consistent with professional engagements, be made either before or after public worship, or during its intervals.

On motion adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

The society met at 7 o'clock P. M.

Dr. Cotton, the President, read a lecture on fever. The society then adjourned to meet at half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday January 7th 1831.

The society met at half past 8 o'clock A. M.

Dr. Flanner, moved for the rescinding of that part of the uniform rules and regulations which requires the district societies to pay into the Treasury of the State Society five dollars for every license granted.

Which was rejected.

Resolved, On motion of Dr. Wright, that all orders drawn, on

the District Societies, shall bear interest after being presented to the treasurer of the state society. Carried.

Dr. Thompson called up a resolution, heretofore laid on the table, for the establishment of a state vaccine institution which was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Wright asked and obtained leave so to amend his resolution of yesterday, that it be made the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, to address a circular to every district society on the subject of revenue.

Dr. Brower moved the following resolution, viz: That no individual district society possesses the right, of original Censorship over any other district society, and that such a course is calculated to engender division, and is destructive to the harmony which ought to characterise the several district societies.

After considerable debate the following amendment was, on motion of Dr. M'Neall, agreed to.

And that no district society shall be bound by the acts of another district society; and, that the practice which has prevailed in some instances of candidates procuring licenses in neighbouring societies, where they have had no residence, for the purpose of practising their profession, in a district where they have had a residence, is viewed by the General Medical Society with decided disapprobation, as the wanton exercise of a power, by the society granting such license, which is not contemplated by the statute, is contrary to its spirit, and detrimental to the true interest of medical science.

The question on agreeing to the resolution as amended was decided in the negative.

On motion, Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be instructed, to have printed, seven hundred and fifty copies, of the act entitled "An act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery in the state of Ohio," Together with the constitution and by-laws of the General Medical Society of the State of Ohio; the uniform rules and regulations for the government of the District Medical Societies, and the minutes of this meeting, and that he be further instructed, to distribute the above documents, among the several districts, in proportion to the number of members in each district society, as early as may be.

Dr. Brower asked, and obtained leave, to insert the following protest on the minutes of the society.

In behalf of the officers and members, of the first medical district, medical society of Ohio, and in conformity to the instructions from them received. I do, hereby, as the Representative of said District, Protest, against the power and authority assumed, and exercised by the State Medical Society, in restricting the admission of candidates for license to practise Physic and Surgery to those only who have resided at least six months immediately preceding such examination, as contrary to and in direct violation of the provisions of the statute regulating the practice of Physic and Surgery, and in itself arbitrary and oppressive.

I also enter my Solemn Protest against the power assumed by the State Society, of levying a tax of five dollars for every license granted by the Board of Censors of the several district societies, inasmuch, as it is at variance with the express letter of the fourth section of the statute, regulating the practice of physic and surgery, which makes a specific destination of the funds accruing from issuing certificates of license.

Signed:—

J. H. BROWER, Representative from the first
Medical District Society.

On motion of Dr. Long, Resolved, that the thanks of this society be presented to the President for the ability with which he has conducted the business of this meeting.

Resolved, That the society now adjourn *sine die*.

BENJAMIN DICKSON, M. D.

Recording Secretary.

To the General Medical Society of the State of Ohio.

Agreeably to a provision of the constitution of this society, I herewith submit the annexed statement of the receipts and payments at the Treasury of the society during the last two years.

The aggregate amount of receipts has been three hundred and eighty four dollars and forty two cents, and the amount of payments three hundred and fifteen dollars and ninety cents; leaving a balance in the Treasury of sixty-eight dollars and fifty two cents.

By reference to the annexed statement it will be observed, that many of the Treasurers of the District Medical Societies have failed to comply with the requisitions of this society, in collecting and paying over to the Treasurer of this society, the tax required to be collected and paid by them by the 12th. section of the "Uniform Rules and Regulations for the Government of the District Medical Societies." The reason of such delinquency on the part of the districts societies or their officers must necessarily form a subject of consideration for this society—If no other method of raising revenue can be devised, it will be necessary that the present one should be strictly complied with.

SAMUEL PARSONS.

*Samuel Parsons, in account with the General Medical Society of
DR. Ohio.*

For cash received of the first Medical District. 1 50

Jan. 29, 1829. 2d. to 1 50—3d. to 1 50—4th. to 1 50—7th to 1 50
9th. to 1 50—10th. to 1 50—11th. to 1 50—12th. to 1 50—13th. to
1 50—16th. to 1 50—17th. to 3 00—18th. to 1 50—20th. to 1 50
21st. to 1 50.—July 10, 1830. 22nd. to 1 50—5th. to 17 00.—Dec.
18, 9th. to 58 20—Jan. 1, 1831. 22nd. to 72 50—16th. to 68 00
15th. to 28 92—12th. to 43 80—21st. 18 00—18th. to 52 50

Total \$384 42

CR. Paid order on the treasurer No. 7. 1 6

Jan. 29, 1829. 13th. 3 00—16th. 2 00—February 19, 1830. 21st.
19 00—July 10, 22nd. 13 00—Dec. 18, 6th. 58 20—Jan. 1, 1831.
18th. 37 32—17th. 51 00—15th. 28 92—3d. 10 00—20th. 43 80—
3th. 48 50—To balance 68 52.—

Total \$384 42

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